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SUBJECT: HABITAT - DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES - SOVEREIGNTY  
OVER NATURAL RESOURCES

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1. APPRECIATE REFTTEL. WE AGREE THAT ISSUE IS NOT EASILY  
RESOLVED AND THAT, AS UN TEXTS ON SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL  
RESOURCES GO, THE ONE PROPOSED BY HABITAT SYG PENALOSA IS  
NOT BAD.

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2. HOWEVER, IN OUR CONSIDERED VIEW, IT IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO ATTRACT OUR SUPPORT. TO SPEAK OF "TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THEIR RIGHTS AND DUTIES AS MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, EVERY NATION HAS THE RIGHT TO EXERCISE SOVEREIGNTY OVER ITS NATURAL RESOURCE AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES..." IS TO PLACE THOSE INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND DUTIES ON AN OPTIONAL PLANE. AS MISSION KNOWS, WE USE "TAKING INTO ACCOUNT" AS A PHRASE WHICH MEANS LITTLE MORE THAN "RECALLING"; WHILE WE OPPOSE VITAL ELEMENTS OF CERDS AND NIEO, WE ARE PREPARED TO AGREE TO TAKE THEM INTO ACCOUNT. INDEED, THIS VERY RESOLUTION WOULD TAKE SUCH "INTO ACCOUNT". TO TREAT THE OBLIGATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AS EQUIVALENT TO THOSE OF CERDS AND

NIEO WOULD REPRESENT A RETREAT IN OUR ESTABLISHED VIEW ON REFERENCES TO SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES THAT WE ARE NOT ABLE TO ACCEPT.

3. ACCORDINGLY, YOU SHOULD INDICATE TO PENALOSA OUR APPRECIATION OF HIS EFFORTS AND OUR INABILITY TO ACCEPT "TAKING INTO ACCOUNT". WE SUGGEST YOU NOTE THAT ALTERNATIVE PHRASES, SUCH AS "SUBJECT TO" OR "IN ACCORDANCE WITH" WOULD ENABLE US TO SUPPORT THE PROVISION. ALTERNATIVELY, REFERENCE TO THE INHERENTLY CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECT OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES MIGHT BE OMITTED FROM THE HABITAT DECLARATION ALTOGETHER. INGERSOLL

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